

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 19th January 2005, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennett (9.07), Mr. E. Ayerst,
Mr. J. Harland, Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. R. Taylor.

Apologies: Mr. J. Chapman - District Councillor

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe – District Councillor
No parishioners present

78. Declarations of Interest

There were no items on the agenda that resulted in Members declaring either a personal or a prejudicial interest.

79. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th November 2004, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no matters arising on the minutes that would not be covered by an agenda item.

81. District Council Report

Tim Metcalfe gave a brief verbal report on relevant activities of the District Council. There was £2,000 remaining in the highways budget for small works.

82. Planning

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17th December 2004 be approved as a true and correct record.

The Winter Edition of SPISE News was received and tabled.

A planning application number 05/00054 in regard to Stile End, Manor Farm Lane was considered and no objections recorded.

83. Highways and Traffic Management

The District Council was to be requested to give details of the intended repair of the A340 through Tidmarsh. Attention was to be directed to the low manhole which rattled when crossed and also to the lack of centre road cats' eyes. Damaged stone sets at the roadside had already been reported.

Following the rejection of a 30 mph speed restriction through Sulham, a request had been made for the District Council to reassess the request. It had been agreed that a site meeting was the best way forward and a date for the meeting was awaited.

The District Council Winter Service Plan was received and noted.

84. Eastern Area Vision Group

Chairman Mike Broun had attended two meetings of the Transport and Road Strategy Group, and reviewed the progress to date. There were 4 sub groups with 5 members allocated to each group. Whilst acknowledging that the local parishes were not at the forefront of activity it was nevertheless hoped that benefits of scale would be forthcoming.

The main issues so far considered were traffic and property development. It was hoped that a draft of the Vision Group findings would be produced during May 2005.

85. Proposed Parish Plan

It was agreed that the production of a Parish Plan for the two local parishes would be discussed at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk was requested to obtain a questionnaire from a participating parish and circulate to members.

86. Environment

There were no matters requiring attention.

87. Thames Valley Police

The latest newsletter issued by Inspector Andy Talbot was circulated. It was noted that the local police contact number was 0845 8 505 505.

West Berkshire District Council was currently canvassing opinion from selected parishes on the effects of alcohol consumption in public places.

88. Concessionary Fares

Chairman Mike Broun undertook to digest and, if considered appropriate, respond to the West Berkshire District Council consultation papers on the proposed changes to the local discretionary bus fare scheme.

89. Estimates of Expenditure

Detailed consideration was given to the estimates of expenditure for the financial year commencing 1st April 2005. The resultant figures are shown on the schedule attached to the minutes.

90. Precept upon the District Council

Resolved by a majority of 5-0 with one abstention that a precept in the sum of £3,500 be served upon West Berkshire District Council for general purposes for the financial year commencing 1st April 2005.

91. District/Parish Conference

The date of the District/Parish Conference had been confirmed for 22nd March at the Market Street offices at Newbury, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

92. Date of Next Meetings

The date for the Annual Parish Meetings and the next Parish Council meeting was fixed for Wednesday 16th March, the first one commencing at 7.00 p.m.

93. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10 00 p.m.

Chairman
18th May 2005